

Science Panel Conference Call Meeting Summary
February 29, 2008

The group discussed that the Science Panel's role is to develop and guide science activities for Puget Sound and review products created by others. The Science Panel will work closely with the Puget Sound Partnership to create the Puget Sound Strategic Science Plan

The Panel members need to distinguish between their role as panel members and role as individual scientists.

They need to resolve short-term issues and begin longer-term discussions. They also need to discuss topic forum participation by Panel members in the next few weeks.

People besides the Science Panel will be doing peer review. The Panel's charge is to develop and oversee that peer review process.

Usha Varanasi: The Science Panel has 2 roles – 1) peer review – convene a larger group to peer review large programs, 2) Develop and give advice. Need to ensure the right kinds of people are on these peer review groups. We can't be participants in every project.

Tim Quinn: We need agreement on peer review. If we are going to provide peer review, then we have to have clarification on the Science Panel's role.

Jan Newton: Is the process fair? And will it serve our citizens well?

Joel Baker: Deciding ahead of time who attends the workshops might dictate the product that comes out of it. I believe the Science Panel has 3 roles: 1. The Puget Sound Partnership will ask the Science Panel to vet and weigh in on projects, 2. Generate the science plan which will roll into a long-term strategy for doing research in Puget Sound, and 3) Developing a science plan that is perceived and represents the best available science and not individual agencies/interests.

Frank Shipley: The Science Panel will likely have two roles in review: developing and overseeing the scientific peer review process, and providing a more strategic Science Panel review that could include (for example) a recommendation to the Leadership Council on which among peer reviewed proposals should be implemented.

Group Discussion – what is the role of Science Panel members?

The Science Panel role is to review projects created by others. The panel doesn't have any formal role while attending these workshops. Members should bring information they glean from the workshops to the Science Panel meetings for discussion. Recommendations will come from the Science Panel as a group.

Another Science Panel conference call should be set up in the next week or so. Joel will send out retreat date.


Joel asked Trina Wellman (Northern Economics, Inc) to work with David to write out what her position/relationship is to the Science Panel. This information will need to be circulated to the Science Panel. Eventually this information will be made available to the public.

Joel: We need to build into the Science Plan the leadership role of the Science Panel. This will help us make recommendations to the Leadership Council. We need to develop a series of by-laws for the Science Panel. A working group for development of guidelines and bylaws was set up, to include Joel and Frank

Ken Currens was asked to send information to the Science Panel so they can begin working on the by-laws.

Meeting **SUMMARIES** from the **January 25** regular meeting and **February 15** conference call were **APPROVED**.

Science Panel Approval


Chair

4/15/2008
Date

Next Regular Meeting: April 15, 2008
Allmendinger Conference Center
Puyallup, Washington